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Troopers Arrest 2 Motorcyclists Driving in Excess of 125 MPH

A King County trooper working the Thanksgiving holiday safety emphasis on Sunday night attempted to stop several motorcycles driving at a very high rate of speed S/B I-405 through Bellevue. The trooper spotted the motorcycles working through traffic, traveling over the posted limit. The bikes were riding together, one directly behind the other, passing cars as they used every lane to get through traffic.

The trooper was able to follow the motorcycles in the left lane at speeds exceeding 110 MPH and moved directly behind the bikes when he turned on his lights. The motorcycles increased their speed to 125 MPH and became even more erratic in their lane changes in an effort to flee. The trooper continued for a short distance when it became obvious that he could not safely keep up with the bikes, at which time he radioed ahead to alert other troopers in the area of the speeding motorcycles.

Several minutes later a trooper on I-405 near SR167 observed several motorcycles approaching S/B on I-405. The trooper moved onto I-405 from the shoulder into the middle lane. Both motorcycles pulled behind the trooper. As the trooper pulled over, one motorcycle followed and one sped up and continued at an extremely high rate of speed.

The motorcycle that stopped was arrested for reckless driving, reckless endangerment and attempting to elude. The driver, a 19-year-old Burien man provided the trooper the name of the other motorcycle rider.

Troopers contacted the home of the fleeing motorcycle and met the driver at the door still in his riding gear. The 20-year-old Auburn man was arrested for reckless driving, attempting to elude a police vehicle and driving on a suspended driver's license.

Both drivers were booked into the King County Jail.

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